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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: 50 years of United Nations peacekeeping stamps and souvenir card**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Tuesday, 15 September 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "50 years of United Nations peacekeeping". The stamps, in denominations of US$ 0.33, $0.40, SwF 0.70, SwF 0.90, S 4 and S 7.50, were designed by Andrew Davidson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

(United States equivalents – SwF 0.70: $0.47; SwF 0.90: $0.61; S 4: $0.32; and S 7.50: $0.60 – subject to exchange rate fluctuation)

2. For the information of members of delegations and the staff, it should be noted that the lower denominated stamp in United States dollars has been printed with a $0.33 denomination. At the time of the printing of these stamps, it was anticipated that the United States Postal Service would increase the first class domestic postage rate to $0.33 in September 1998. The stamps had already been printed when the United States Postal Service announced that the effective date of the new rate would be 10 January 1999.

33¢
50 YEARS OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING
FS 0.70
50 ANS DE MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX DES NATIONS UNIES
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50 JAHRE FRIEDENSSICHERUNG DER VEREINTEN NATIONEN

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50 YEARS OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING
F.S. 0.90
50 ANS DE MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX DES NATIONS UNIES
7.50
50 JAHRE FRIEDENSSICHERUNG DER VEREINTEN NATIONEN

Souvenir card

3. The fifty-second souvenir card, on the same theme, will also be released on 15 September 1998. The card, which was designed by Rorie Katz and Blake Tarpley (United States of America), depicts the six new stamps and carries a statement by the Secretary-General.

General information

4. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets Only.

5. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain the new stamps, souvenir card and first day items on Friday, 15 September, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.